

**(Washington, DC)** Today, Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) made the following statement on Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's appointment as Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC):

"Debbie is a great friend and leader in Congress. President Obama couldn't have chosen a better person to serve as Chair of the DNC. This appointment is not only good for our nation, but also for the State of Florida. As a fellow Floridian, I have had the honor and privilege of working closely with Debbie for many years and have seen her passion and dedication in action. She brings much-needed leadership, expertise, and experience to the Democratic Party at this critical time in our nation's history. As we head towards 2012, I am comforted to know that Debbie will be our leader.

"Again, I want to congratulate my dear friend and colleague on this appointment. I look forward to continuing to work with Debbie both in the House of Representatives and in her new role as Chair of the DNC."

*Congressman Alcee L. Hastings serves as Senior Member of the House Rules Committee, Ranking Democratic Member of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, and Democratic Chairman of the Florida Delegation.*

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